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Title: A Method for Improving a Bowler's
Control Over The Release Of A Bowling Ball
From the Bowling Ball Finger Hole

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Preliminary Amendment

This is a divisional application of earlier filed application 09/130.905 filed 08/07/98. This application contains a specific reference to and the benefit of its earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Remarks

Applicant files this application as a divisional application of application 09/130,905, as stated above. Applicant has made changes in this application from earlier filed application 09/130,905 and Applicant believes these changes are of an editorial nature or provide an explanation of what is contained in the earlier filed application and does not represent new matter.

According to the inventive principles described in the disclosure of the invention, a bowler's glove supports a bowler's finger pad shield. In use, the glove places the finger pad shield in contact with the bowler's finger pad and the force of the bowling spread over the bowler's finger pad by the finger pad shield. The force of the bowling ball will be a maximum limited by muscular skeletal development and the conventional weight range for a bowling ball. The recitation of the claim is clear as a method of spreading the bowling ball force over the finger pad to reduce the pressure on the finger pad. As such, the force of the bowling ball against the finger pad shield is a defined force within a range produced by the limited range of bowling ball weight and the maximum force which may be applied by the finger pad to the bowling ball finger hole when lifting and releasing bowling ball.

Applicant has petitioned for, and received approval for advancement of earlier filed application 09/130.905 under 35 CFR 102 (c). Applicant presents with this application a new